

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

AUGUST 31, 1999

**FROM: GARY PENROD, SHERIFF  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**SUBJECT: OUT-OF-COUNTRY TRAVEL REQUEST.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve out-of-country Travel Request for Sgt. John C. Weston to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> International Police Divers Symposium in Ontario, Canada, from September 16-19, 1999.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Sheriff's twenty-member Dive Rescue Team is specially trained in underwater rescue, collection and preservation of evidence in an aquatic environment, and the investigation of environmental crimes. The Dive Rescue Team responds to calls on all of the County's waterways including Lake Havasu, the Colorado River, and all of the private and public lakes (i.e. Big Bear Lake, Lake Arrowhead, Silverwood Lake, Spring Valley Lake, the County's regional parks, etc.). Sgt. John Weston is the supervisor of the Sheriff's Dive Rescue Team.

The 8<sup>th</sup> International Police Diver Symposium offers a variety of seminars, demonstrations, exhibits, and open-water exercises. There will also be several optional courses or workshops where experts will present detailed hands-on training in various factions of underwater investigating. This symposium is an excellent opportunity to meet and confer with other dive professionals and learn about the latest methods used in underwater investigations. The estimated cost of this training (including registration, airfare, lodging and meals) is \$1,000.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** This action has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office and has been reviewed and approved as to form by Deputy County Counsel Kevin L. Norris.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Sufficient funds exist in the Sheriff's Department Budget for FY99/00 to cover the total cost of the training and travel expenses of approximately \$1,000.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** All Districts

**PRESENTER:** Captain Don Belter

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